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**Sent:** 12/3/2019 11:55:27 PM  
**To:** Doughty, Haley J. [Haley.Doughty@tpcgrp.com]  
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**Subject:** Re: \*\*\*External E-Mail\*\*\* FW: MEDIA INQUIRY TO EPA: Permits for Storage - TPC Group Port Neches--Argus Media

Thank you

On Dec 3, 2019, at 5:46 PM, Doughty, Haley J. <Haley.Doughty@tpcgrp.com> wrote:

The below statement is the approved statement related to the tank information requested from Argus to EPA:

*TPC Group Port Neches Operations maintains 102 product storage tanks onsite, 88 of which were in-service (storing materials) at the time of the event. In total, 12 of the 88 tanks in-service were either ruptured or impacted during the event.*

*Two types of storage tanks are onsite – sphere tanks and atmospheric tanks. Sphere storage tanks are used to store materials under pressure. 71 sphere tanks were in service at the time of the event, 9 were impacted and 1 ruptured (contained raffinate). Atmospheric storage tanks are used to store materials at ambient pressure. 17 atmospheric tanks were in service at the time of the event, 2 of these tanks ruptured (contained solvent NMP)*

*Consistent with industry practice, TPC Group monitors and records volumes in its storage tanks.*

Thank you,

**Haley Doughty** | Communications Advisor

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**From:** Cronin, Sara

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 3, 2019 3:41 PM

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My apologies, Adam. We have not provided this data (maps and volumes).

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TPC, please advise on this request for a response to this inquiry that was submitted to TPC at 8:22 am this morning.

Thanks  
Adam

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**From:** Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 3:32 PM  
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Any info on this request?

Thanks

*Janie Acevedo-Beauchamp  
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**From:** Adams, Adam <Adams.Adam@epa.gov>

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Forwarding to TPC PIOs for a response to us.

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 3, 2019, at 8:14 AM, Acevedo, Janie <Acevedo.Janie@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Is there a public map released that the UC has showing which storage tanks were affected? And what others were impacted?  
Has the UC put out the volume of each of the tanks?

Janie

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**From:** Steven McGinn <steven.mcgin@argusmedia.com>

**Sent:** Monday, December 02, 2019 3:00 PM

**To:** Wilson, Aimee <Wilson.Aimee@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Permits for Storage - TPC Group Port Neches

Hello Aimee,

I am Steven McGinn, reporter for Argus Media.

I am inquiring about the storage tanks affected by the explosion at TPC Group Port Neches.

Here's incident from Texas regulators:

<https://www2.tceq.texas.gov/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=325683>

Is there a way of confirming which of these tanks were impacted? And, is there a record of the volume of the tanks (i.e., how much capacity the tanks can store)?

Thank you,

Steven McGinn  
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